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C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 1874

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TAGS: PARM, PFOR,NZ, FR

SUBJ: FRI

REF: WELLINGTON 1861

1. ON JULY 18 I WAS TOLD BY FREE LANCER JOHN FORBIS THAT FRI HAD BEEN TAKEN IN TOW BY FRENCH NAVY ABOUT 11:00 A.M. NZ TIME AND NZ MINISTER OF DEFENSE FAULKNER (WHOM I SAW A FEW HOURS AGO AND WHO SAID NOTHING ABOUT FRI) WAS ABOUT TO ISSUE STATEMENT "MAKING INQUIRIES OF AMERICAN PEOPLE" AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT FRI.

2. I HAVE CALLED PM'S OFFICE AND ASKED THAT STATEMENT BE KILLED AND ANY INQUIRES DIRECTED THROUGH EMBASSY.

3. A FEW MINUTES LATER DEFENSE MINISTER ARTHUR FAULKNER CALLED ME. HE SAID THAT DURING EARLIER PRESS CONFERENCE HE BELIEVED HE HAD USED PHRASE "WOULD INQUIRE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE" BUT THAT HE HAD MEANT "THE AMERICAN PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE, THAT IS, THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES." I COMMENTED THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE

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PLAYED UP IN PRESS, NOTING THAT INCIDENT OF TAKING FRI

IN TOW RECEIVED FULL EXAGGERATED COVERAGE IN WELLINGTON
EVENING PAPER, THE POST. FAULKNER SAID HE REGRETTED
THE MINUNDERSTANDING WHICH MIGHT BE CAUSED BY THE
USE OF THIS WORD. HE SAID THE NZBC WOULD BE CALLING HIM
AGAIN FOR CLARIFICATION AND THAT HE WOULD THEN MAKE IT
CLEAR THAT INQUIRIES WOULD BE DIRECTED OFFICIALLY THROUGH
USG CHANNELS. HE REITERATED THAT GNZ IS UNMOVED BY THE
INCIDENT. HE IS QUOTED IN THE EVENING PAPER AS HAVING
SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S ADVICE TO THE FRI WAS "GO HOME
AND LET US GET ON WITH THE JOB".

4. SINCE DICTATING ABOVE PM'S OFFICE HAS PHONED TO SAY
OFFICIAL INQUIRY WILL BE MADE TO STATE DEPT.
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